

## JUVENILE COURT SERVICE UNIT

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice is to protect the public through a balanced approach of comprehensive services that prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency through partnerships with families, schools, communities, law enforcement and other State agencies, while providing the opportunity for delinquent youth to develop into responsible and productive citizens.

**Program Description:** The Juvenile Court Services Unit (JCSU) is a statutorily mandated agency which carries out the directions of the Court for professional supervision and services. The JCSU has three basic components: Probation which includes monitoring and supervising juveniles and their families per the order of the Court; Intake which is the accepting and processing of new complaints and cases; and Special Programs, which includes an array of specialized services to restore juveniles to lawabiding behavior. The Office provides services on a 24 hour on-call basis after regular business hours. These court-ordered programs and services include the following: Anger Management, Community Service Work, Court Service Unit Introductory Detention Experience, Educationally Occupy, Electronic Monitoring/Outreach, Gang Response Intervention Team, GRACE Mentoring, Graduated Incentive Program, Junior Firesetters Program, Law Related Education, Leadership Awareness for Parents, Mediation, Operation Accountability, Post-Dispositional Program, Prevention/Intervention Team, Restitution, Restorative Justice, School Probation Program, Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program, Sex Offender Program, Shoplifting Program, Substance Treatment Opportunity Program, Young Offender Program, and Volunteer/College Intern Program.

Departmental Financial Summary	FY 02 Actual	FY 03 Actual	FY 04 Actual	FY 05 Adopted	FY 06 Proposed
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Personnel	\$548,155	\$749,832	\$871,563	\$1,140,000	\$1,299,000
Operations & Maintenance	99,317	84,704	185,898	122,000	240,000
Central Vehicles Fund	14,702	0	0	20,000	30,000
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$662,174</b>	<b>\$834,536</b>	<b>\$1,057,461</b>	<b>\$1,282,000</b>	<b>\$1,569,000</b>
<b>Departmental Revenue</b>					
Local Fees, Charges, Etc.	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0
Commonwealth	198,528	101,389	120,980	0	0
Federal	0	129,979	290,992	104,000	142,000
Federal Foster Care Reimbursement	0	0	0	339,000	70,000
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$198,528</b>	<b>\$231,618</b>	<b>\$411,972</b>	<b>\$443,000</b>	<b>\$212,000</b>
<b>Local Tax Funding:</b>	<b>\$463,646</b>	<b>\$602,918</b>	<b>\$645,489</b>	<b>\$839,000</b>	<b>\$1,357,000</b>
<b>FTE Summary:</b>	<b>11.26</b>	<b>12.30</b>	<b>16.58</b>	<b>17.65</b>	<b>19.79</b>

**County Administrator's Recommendation:** The FY 06 proposed budget for Juvenile Court Services Unit includes enhancements totaling \$321,000 in additional local tax funding to replace expiring Federal grant funding and to increase the electronic monitoring services. Local tax funding requirements also increased due to health insurance increases, funding for a vehicle, and the restructuring of the compensation plan within the department. The FY 06 proposed budget also reflects the addition of 2.14 FTE during FY 05.

### **Budget History:**

FY 02: The Board approved enhancements totaling 2.70 FTE for two additional probation officers and a part time office assistant.

FY 03: The Board approved 1.07 FTE for an additional probation officer to be funded with Federal Foster Care Reimbursement funds. The FTE count was adjusted for .03 FTE not used for the part time office assistant in FY 02.

FY 03 Mid-Year: A Federal grant for Probation Officers in Schools totaling \$498,000 over 2 years was received and the Board added 4.28 FTE for this program.

FY 05: One position (1.07 FTE) was added for the Gang Response Intervention Team Coordinator.

FY 05 Mid-Year: The department received a Federal grant for an interdepartmental Domestic Violence program (1.07 FTE) and a Federal Detention Alternative grant (1.07 FTE).

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### County Administrator's Proposed Enhancements

		Total Recommended Enhancements		
	Expenditure	Revenue	Local Tax Funding	FTE/Positions
FY 06:	\$15,000	(\$306,000)	\$321,000	0.00/0

**(Juvenile Probation Officers)** This enhancement continues the provision of Juvenile Probation services to County high schools and middle schools by providing local funding to replace an expiring Federal grant from the U. S. Department of Justice. This three year grant, obtained by Congressman Wolf, was received in FY 02 and provided full funding for four positions with no local match. The purpose of the grant was to assist in delinquency prevention by way of a more comprehensive delivery system. Loudoun County used the opportunity to establish a program to provide Juvenile Probation Officers to three County high schools and the feeder middle schools. Three Probation Officers and a Supervisor position were created to provide a more focused approach to the student population and a closer and more unified delivery of probationary services to those youth identified as high risk and court involved. Additionally, this focused effort provides a safety net to those students who might be tempted, through peer pressure or otherwise, to fall into delinquency patterns. Rapid and consistent responses to school and community misbehavior by probationers are considered one of the strongest deterrents to misbehavior of non-court involved youth. Statistical data reveals that having a probation officer in the school means improved attendance, academic performance, and behavior in the school setting. The rate of recidivism is reduced with this population which leads to a safer school environment and community at-large. The goals of the project contribute to public safety. These goals include: (1) improve school attendance of court involved youth; (2) reduce incidents of problem behaviors of court involved youth (both in-school and out-of-school); (3) provide pre-truancy activities to divert youth from formal court appearance when appropriate; (4) decrease the number of suspensions, both in-school and out-of-school, for court involved youth; (5) improve the grades of court involved youth; (6) decrease subsequent charges and probation violations including a reduction in the rate of detentions for those court involved youth; (7) reduce the number of violent offenses in the schools participating in the program.

Probationary services are provided to all court involved youth which averages between 40-50 juveniles during the course of the school year. Student's daily attendance is monitored; behavior reports are provided by teachers to the probation officers as well as academic performance information. The students may be assigned community service work which includes cleaning of the school grounds. Random home visits are made so court involved youth will understand that accountability is an issue 24/7. With the total student population at the three high schools at 4,403, probation officers provide direct services to roughly 25% of this number. Preventative services are provided for issues such as truancy, peer conflict mediation and teaching law related education in government classes. The probation officers attend extra-curricular school activities as additional security.

FY 06:	\$0	(\$306,000)	\$306,000	0.00/0
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**(Electronic Monitoring)** This enhancement addresses post-dispositional public safety by increasing the contract for Electronic Monitoring (EM) from \$36,000 to \$51,000. The Electronic Monitoring portion of the Supervised Release Program (SRP) has been the backbone of this program. EM provides the highest measure of offender accountability as well as providing the highest degree of community safety. The increasing numbers of juveniles being court ordered to SRP and placed on EM has created the need to increase the budget for monitoring services. This need has also increased due to the large number of Post-Dispositional aftercare offenders being placed on EM as a condition of their release. Also, additional funds will allow the JCSU to utilize EM as a part of the graduated sanction continuum while maintaining a high degree of community safety. The volume of EM participants is projected to rise from 91 in FY 04 to 130 in FY 06. In FY 04, it is estimated that EM saved the County \$883,000 in secure detention costs. EM presents the court with a major tool in the graduated continuum as it allows juveniles to remain under the structure of secure detention in their own homes. EM reduces recidivism, increases criminal justice productivity and provides greater public safety.

FY 06:	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	0.00/0
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